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## PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Patent Application of )  
Ichiro FUJIWARA ) Art Unit: 2811  
Serial No.: 09/431,076 ) Examiner: H. Vu  
Filed: November 1, 1999 )  
For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR )  
MEMORY DEVICE AND PROCESS )  
OF PRODUCTION AND WRITE )  
METHOD THEREOF )

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**RESPONSE ELECTING SPECIES OF PREVIOUSLY ELECTED INVENTION** 6-27-01

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In full and timely response to the Official Action of May 22, 2001 (Paper No. 06), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel non-elected claims 13 to 27 and 28 to 51 without disclaimer or prejudice to their presentation in divisional applications as of right.

**REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Official Action of May 22, 2001, now requiring an election of species for the previously elected invention of Group II, i.e. claims 1 to 22.

This requirement is procedurally traversed in that it was waived in the prior action originally requiring the election of invention from among three identified groups of inventions. Full faith and credit should be given to the actions of a prior examiner in an application. Because two divisional applications